

Year 1 and Year 2

20th November 2020

News and Reminders

Phonics screening for year 2

The children in year 2 will be undergoing a phonics screening check this half-term. Please refer to the attached link to find a video that gives more information on this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wA8fCMDQZvg&safe=true>

Anti-bullying week

This week is anti-bullying week and we have been exploring the definition for what bullying actually is ie: repeatedly and intentionally wanting to upset or hurt someone rather than an isolated incident or something accidental. We have talked about the importance of saying sorry if we do bump into someone by accident or hurt someone's feelings so that person knows it was an accident. We will be looking to recruit Anti-bullying Ambassadors in each class to promote positive behaviour across the school.

Road Safety week

The children have been recapping road safety and considering why it is so important at this time of year. We have looked at the importance of paying attention near roads and not getting distracted, holding hands with an adult, crossing at the traffic lights and looking both ways before you cross. Some of the children decorated postcards and brought them home.

Nativeo

Sadly, this year the children are unable to take part in a normal Nativity but we couldn't let the year end without marking it in some way. Therefore, we decided that each class would perform a song or dance that would be added to a whole school nativity video or 'nativeo'. Hopefully, you have heard your child singing their class song and we appreciate your tolerance and

support with this. The video will be sent out to you by the end of term as a little Bierton Christmas present to you all!

Diwali

It has been lovely to hear about our children's Diwali celebrations. Thank-you for taking photos of these that we can share in class through the children's Seesaw accounts.

Plea for spare clothes

As mentioned before, we are running low on spare clothes in KS1 in case a child needs to change. If you have any old clothes you wouldn't mind donating, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Homework

In Year 1 and 2, the children have daily reading, weekly spellings, fortnightly maths and fortnightly reading comprehension.

All homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and due on the following Friday.

Friday 20th November-

Maths homework set and new spellings (unless still on previous spellings as explained)

Friday 27th November-

Reading comprehension homework set and new spellings (unless still on previous spellings as explained)

Alongside this, children can do extra tasks to boost their maths skills using 'Hit the button' and Numbots. Both are excellent for fluency and really help develop the children's quick recall of times tables and number facts.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Our Learning

Children in Need

The children did an amazing job performing acts of kindness last week and it was brilliant to share all of their values slips. Thank-you for supporting this and sending so many in to us. Our final total across the school was almost 2000 for the week! The children spent the day taking part in a range of fun activities but also spent time finding out about this charity and thinking about why it is so important. Thank-you again for your amazing support in helping us to raise money for Children in Need and smash our target of £500. Our current total stands at £1461.



Literacy and Topic

The children have really enjoyed exploring our new topic 'The Great Fire of London' through their literacy and art lessons. They have been writing in role and considering how they might feel if they experienced this themselves, drawing upon some excellent descriptive language. We have also been creating 'smoke' poems thinking about how smoke moves, what it looks like and the effects that it might have. In the forest, the children had a go at creating a spark with a flint and a piece of steel and though it was quite tricky, many children managed to create enough sparks to ignite a piece of cotton wool!

Maths:

Year 1 have been learning the names and the values of the numbers between 11-20 as well as practicing their mental

addition and subtraction. They have also learnt their ordinal numbers relating to positional language. Year 2 have been looking at multiplication (2,5 and 10 x tables) and have impressed us with their ability to recall these times tables. We have been exploring word problems and showing the children that number sentences can sometimes be hidden in words and it is our job to pull out the important information. Though this is a tricky concept to understand, they have been managing very well.

Religious Education:

This week the children learnt about the Jewish celebration of Sukkot and realised that it was similar to a harvest celebration that we might be more familiar with. We discovered that Jewish people make something called a Sukkah which is an outdoor structure that they spend time in giving thanks. We decided to make our own versions out of Lego and went out to source natural materials for the roof.



Christian Value Certificates

Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last week.

Beech-

13.11.20 - Riley Steeples for showing excellent responsibility with improving his writing. He has been working really hard and is striving to make his writing better and better.

20.11.20 - Thomas Lander for showing superb responsibility in Year 1. He is working so hard, listening carefully and trying his best. We are so impressed with his attitude towards his learning this year- what a star!

Birch-

13.11.20 - Pranshu Datta - Love. For always showing kindness to all adults and children in the classroom.

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Callam Cater - Respect. Showing great manners all the

Diary Dates

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 4th December where you will find updated diary dates.

Monday 23rd November- Beech Class Forest School

Tuesday 24th November - Birch Class Forest School

Friday 27th November- Blackthorn Class Forest School

Birthday parties in the afternoon!
(September, October, November birthdays).

Monday 30th November- Beech Class Forest School

Tuesday 1st December- Birch Class Forest School

Wednesday 2nd December- Blackthorn Class Forest School

time and always offering to help adults.

Blackthorn-

13.11.20- Safa for Love - Safa is always kind, considerate and helpful to others and shows a real love of learning.

20.11.20 - Noah Martin for Respect - Noah is an excellent role model for respect in the class. He listens well and puts 100% effort into his work. Noah shows respect for his learning, his peers and teachers. Well done Noah!